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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

REAGAN-GORBACHEV MEETINGS IN GENEVA  
November, 1985

Mrs. Reagan's Tea for Mrs. Gorbacheva

DATE: November 19, 1985  
TIME: 3:34 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Maison de Saussure,  
Geneva, Switzerland

PARTICIPANTS:

United States

Mrs. Nancy Reagan  
Mrs. E. Arensburger, Interpreter

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Mrs. Raisa Gorbacheva  
Soviet Interpreter

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Mrs. Gorbacheva commented on the large number of photographers and reporters and said there were far fewer in the Soviet Union.

Over tea, Mrs. Gorbacheva began by describing the beauties of her country and invited Mrs. Reagan to come and visit it. Mrs. Reagan replied that she would be pleased to come, but Mrs. Gorbacheva had just mentioned Siberia, and that is one place Mrs. Reagan would not like to go; it is too cold.

Mrs. Reagan extended an invitation to Mrs. Gorbacheva to come and visit the United States and said she would prefer a warm time for both visits.

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The ladies then discussed the weather in Geneva, Moscow and Washington; and jet lag, which apparently affected them more than it did their husbands.

A remark about the bouquets in the room led to a discussion of flowers. Mrs. Gorbacheva's favorite flowers, she said, are roses. After those, she prefers wild flowers. Mrs. Reagan spoke of the beauties of wild flowers at their ranch in California.

Both ladies expressed their hope that this meeting in Geneva would lead to greater understanding between their two countries, and eventually to peace in the world for this and future generations.

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